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Two Men Sentenced on Federal Drug and Gun Charges

FARGO - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced today that on February 18, 2010, **Travis James King**, 24, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Ralph R. Erickson to a total of five-and one-half years in prison for his involvement in a drug conspiracy and carrying a gun during a drug crime. Co-defendant **Anthony Peterson**, 24, formerly of Grand Forks, was sentenced to one year imprisonment for his role in the 500-gram cocaine conspiracy. Both men were also ordered to serve four years of supervised release and ordered to pay special assessments to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The conspiracy, which took place between October 2008 and February 2009, involved **King**, **Peterson**, and others from North Dakota and Minnesota. The men traveled to the Minneapolis area to purchase cocaine in four-to-eight ounce quantities, which they transported for resale back to Grand Forks and elsewhere in North Dakota.

King was arrested on January 27, 2009, in Grand Forks in possession of four ounces of cocaine and a Ruger .40 caliber pistol. **Peterson** was arrested on May 19, 2009, in Minneapolis following an indictment by a federal grand jury.

King pleaded guilty on September 14, 2009, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute 500 or more grams of cocaine, carrying a gun during and in relation to a drug crime, and possession of firearms by a drug user.

Peterson pleaded guilty on September 21, 2009, to the cocaine conspiracy.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Grand Forks Narcotics Task Force, Grand Forks States Attorney's Office, and Tri-County (Minnesota) Community Corrections.

The Grand Forks Narcotics Task Force is comprised of officers from Grand Forks and Grafton Police Departments, Grand Forks, Walsh, and Pembina County Sheriff's Departments, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Agencies assisting with the investigation were the U.S. Marshals Service, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the Clay County Sheriff's Department.

Two Minneapolis conspirators were arrested in possession of eight ounces of cocaine on February 6, 2009, by the DEA Task Force officers in Minneapolis. Agencies assisting with that arrest were the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Forest Lake Police Department, Washington County Narcotics Task Force, and the Grand Forks Narcotics Task Force.

Assistant United States Attorney Scott J. Schneider prosecuted the case.

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